

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph starting at paragraph number [0085], with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0085] ~~FIG. 7 shows~~ FIGS. 7a to 7f show a process for OEL panel construction to allow a short viewing distance while maintaining structural stability;

Please delete paragraph [0087]:

~~Fig. 9 shows the alignment of optical axis of the quarter waveplate in the embodiment of Fig. 6.~~

Please replace the paragraph starting at paragraph number [0117], with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0117] In the first mode of operation, light incident from an external light source 86 in front of the display is polarized by the polarizer 66, and rotated by the rotator 58-62 so that no phase step is seen at the lens 42, 40. The light then passes through the waveplate 84 where it is converted to a circular polarization state FIG. 9 shows in more detail the alignment of the optical axis of the quarter waveplate in cooperation with the alignment of optical axis of the birefringent lens. For simplicity of operation, the optical path for light from an external light source 86 is unfolded, and is shown for the directional mode of the apparatus of FIG. 6. The incident light from the light 20, source 86 has polarization direction 93 from the polarizer 66 with polarization transmission direction 92. The light passes through the polarization switch (not shown) such that the polarization state 94 passes through the substrate 41. The polarization state 97 is incident on the birefringent optical axis 96 of the birefringent lens 42. In this example, the alignment of the birefringent lens is anti-parallel so that the alignment direction 98 at the substrate 56 is produced and the polarization direction [[99]] in substrate 56 is produced. The optical axis direction 100 of the quarter waveplate 84 is set 45 degrees to the direction 98, being the alignment of the birefringent material in the birefringent lens on the surface closest to the quarter waveplate. The quarter waveplate produces a substantially circular polarization state [[101]]. The light reflects from the pixel plane 50 with circular

polarization state 102, and sees the quarter waveplate axis 100 to give a polarization state output 104. The quarter waveplate thus serves to output a polarization state which is at 90 degrees to the direction [[99]] on the reflected path. This polarization states 106, 108 are orthogonal to the birefringent optical axis direction 96, 98 at the lens. At the polarization switch, the polarization state is unrotated so the polarization state 110 passes through the substrate 64 and is incident on the polarizer 66 where it is substantially absorbed.